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Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, adopted and opened for signature, ratification or accession the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and expressed the hope that the Covenants and the Optional Protocol would be signed, ratified or acceded to without delay. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its future sessions reports concerning the status of ratification of the Covenants and of the Optional Protocol. In response to that request, reports on the status of the International Covenants and the Optional Protocol have been submitted annually to the Assembly since its twenty-second session in 1967.

2. Both Covenants and the Optional Protocol were opened for signature at New York on 19 December 1966. In accordance with their respective provisions, 1/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights entered into force on 3 January 1976, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights entered into force on 23 March 1976 and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, having received the required number of ratifications or accessions, entered into force simultaneously with that Covenant on 23 March 1976.

3. In its resolution 48/119 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly, inter alia, again urged all States that had not yet done so to become parties to both Covenants, as well as to consider acceding to the Optional Protocols to the

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; invited the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to consider making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant; encouraged the States parties to review regularly any reservations made in respect of the provisions of the Covenants with a view to withdrawing them; and encouraged all Governments to publish the texts of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to distribute them and make them known as widely as possible in their territories. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fiftieth session a report on the status of the Covenants and the Optional Protocols.

4. As at 1 September 1995, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had been ratified or acceded to by 132 States, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights had been ratified or acceded to by 130 States and the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights had been ratified or acceded to by 84 States. The list of States that have ratified or acceded to the Covenants and the Optional Protocol, together with the dates of ratifications or accession and of entry into force, appear in annexes I to III to the present report.

5. The General Assembly, by its resolution 44/128 of 15 December 1989, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aimed at the abolition of the death penalty, and called upon all Governments in a position to do so to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Second Optional Protocol.

6. The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights entered into force on 11 July 1991, three months after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession. As at 1 September 1995, the Second Optional Protocol had been ratified or acceded to by 28 States. In addition, it had been signed by another 6 States. The list of States that have ratified or acceded to the Second Optional Protocol, together with the dates of ratification or accession and of entry into force, is contained in annex IV to the present report.

7. Upon ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or subsequently, the Governments of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, the Gambia, Germany, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zimbabwe made the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant, recognizing the competence of the Human Rights Committee established under article 28 of the Covenant to receive and consider communications to the effect that a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Covenant. The

provisions of article 41 entered into force on 28 March 1979 in accordance with paragraph 2 of that article.

8. As regards the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985, held its ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth sessions at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 November to 10 December 1993, 2 to 20 May and 21 November to 9 December 1994 and 1 to 19 May 1995, respectively. It submitted reports to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive sessions of 1994 and of 1995 2/ in which it made suggestions and recommendations concerning issues arising from the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant.

9. As regards the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Human Rights Committee held its forty-ninth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November 1993, its fiftieth session at United Nations Headquarters from 21 March to 8 April 1994 and its fifty-first session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 29 July 1994. The fifty-second session was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 October to 4 November 1994; the fifty-third session was held at United Nations Headquarters from 20 March to 7 April 1995; and the fifty-fourth session was held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 28 July 1995. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the First Optional Protocol, the Committee submitted its annual reports to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, 3/ covering the activities of the Committee at its above-mentioned sessions.

Notes

1/ Article 27 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 49 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 9 of the First Optional Protocol.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 3 (E/1994/23); ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 2 (E/1995/22 and E/1995/L.21).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/49/40); ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/50/40).

ANNEX I

List of States that have ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as at 1 September 1995 (132)

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Afghanistan	24 January 1983 a/	24 April 1983
Albania	4 October 1991 a/	4 January 1992
Algeria	12 September 1989	12 December 1989
Angola	10 January 1992 a/	10 April 1992
Argentina	8 August 1986	8 November 1986
Armenia	13 September 1993	13 December 1993
Australia	10 December 1975	10 March 1976
Austria	10 September 1978	10 December 1978
Azerbaijan	13 August 1992 a/	13 November 1992
Barbados	5 January 1973 a/	3 January 1976
Belarus	12 November 1973	3 January 1976
Belgium	21 April 1983	21 July 1983
Benin	12 March 1992 a/	12 June 1992
Bolivia	12 August 1982 a/	12 November 1982
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 September 1993 b/	6 March 1992
Brazil	24 January 1992 a/	24 April 1992
Bulgaria	21 September 1970	3 January 1976
Burundi	9 May 1990 a/	9 August 1990
Cambodia	26 May 1992 a/	26 August 1992
Cameroon	27 June 1984 a/	27 September 1984
Canada	19 May 1976 a/	19 August 1976
Cape Verde	6 August 1993 a/	6 November 1993
Central African Republic	8 May 1981 a/	8 August 1981
Chad	9 June 1995 a/	9 September 1995
Chile	10 February 1972	3 January 1976

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
China*		
Colombia	29 October 1969	3 January 1976
Congo	5 October 1983 a/	5 January 1984
Costa Rica	29 November 1968	3 January 1976
Côte d'Ivoire	26 March 1992 a/	26 June 1992
Croatia	8 October 1991 b/	8 October 1991
Cyprus	2 April 1969	3 January 1976
Czech Republic	22 February 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14 September 1981 a/	14 December 1981
Denmark	6 January 1972	3 January 1976
Dominica	17 June 1993 a/	17 September 1993
Dominican Republic	4 January 1978 a/	4 April 1978
Ecuador	6 March 1969	3 January 1976
Egypt	14 January 1982	14 April 1982
El Salvador	30 November 1979	29 February 1980

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* Following the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, by a note addressed to the Secretary-General, received on 29 September 1972, stated:

> "1. With regard to the multilateral treaties signed, ratified or acceded to by the defunct Chinese Government before the establishment of the People's Republic of China, my Government will examine all their contents before making a decision in the light of the circumstances as to whether or not they should be recognized.
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> "2. As from 1 October 1949, the day of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chiang Kai-Shek clique has no right at all to represent China. Its signature and ratification of, or accession to, any multilateral treaties by usurping the name of 'China' are all illegal and null and void. My Government will study these multilateral treaties before making a decision in the light of the circumstances as to whether or not they should be acceded to."

The lists in annexes I and II therefore do not include the signature of the two International Covenants and the Optional Protocol on behalf of the "Republic of China" on 5 October 1967.

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Equatorial Guinea	25 September 1987 a/	25 December 1987
Estonia	21 October 1991 a/	21 January 1992
Ethiopia	11 June 1993 a/	11 September 1993
Finland	19 August 1975	3 January 1976
France	4 November 1980 a/	4 February 1981
Gabon	21 January 1983 a/	21 April 1983
Gambia	29 December 1978 a/	29 March 1979
Georgia	3 May 1994 a/	3 August 1994
Germany	17 December 1973	3 January 1976
Greece	16 May 1985 a/	16 August 1985
Grenada	6 September 1991 a/	6 December 1991
Guatemala	19 May 1988 a/	19 August 1988
Guinea	24 January 1978	24 April 1978
Guinea-Bissau	2 July 1992 a/	2 October 1992
Guyana	15 February 1977	15 May 1977
Honduras	17 February 1981 a/	17 May 1981
Hungary	17 January 1974	3 January 1976
Iceland	22 August 1979	22 November 1979
India	10 April 1979 a/	10 July 1979
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24 June 1975	3 January 1976
Iraq	25 January 1971	3 January 1976
Ireland	8 December 1989	8 March 1990
Israel	3 October 1991	3 January 1992
Italy	15 September 1978	15 December 1978
Jamaica	3 October 1975	3 January 1976
Japan	21 June 1979	21 September 1979
Jordan	28 May 1975	3 January 1976
Kenya	1 May 1972 a/	3 January 1976
Kyrgyzstan	7 October 1994	7 January 1995
Latvia	14 April 1992 a/	14 July 1992
Lebanon	3 November 1972 a/	3 January 1976
Lesotho	9 September 1992 a/	9 December 1992
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15 May 1970 a/	3 January 1976
Lithuania	20 November 1991 a/	20 February 1992
Luxembourg	18 August 1983	18 November 1983

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Madagascar	22 September 1971 a/	3 January 1976
Malawi	22 December 1993 a/	22 March 1994
Mali	16 July 1974 a/	3 January 1976
Malta	13 September 1990	13 December 1990
Mauritius	12 December 1973 a/	3 January 1976
Mexico	23 March 1981 a/	23 June 1981
Mongolia	18 November 1974	3 January 1976
Morocco	3 May 1979	3 August 1979
Namibia	22 December 1993 a/	22 March 1994
Nepal	14 May 1991 a/	14 August 1991
Netherlands	11 December 1978	11 March 1979
New Zealand	28 December 1978	28 March 1979
Nicaragua	12 March 1980 a/	12 June 1980
Niger	7 March 1986 a/	7 June 1986
Nigeria	29 July 1993 a/	29 October 1993
Norway	13 September 1972	3 January 1976
Panama	8 March 1977	8 June 1977
Paraguay	10 June 1992 a/	10 September 1992
Peru	28 April 1978	28 July 1978
Philippines	7 June 1974	3 January 1976
Poland	18 March 1977	18 June 1977
Portugal	31 July 1978	31 October 1978
Republic of Korea	10 April 1990 a/	10 July 1990
Republic of Moldova	26 January 1993 a/	26 April 1993
Romania	9 December 1974	3 January 1976
Russian Federation	16 October 1973	3 January 1976
Rwanda	16 April 1975 a/	3 January 1976
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 November 1981 a/	9 February 1982
San Marino	18 October 1985 a/	18 January 1986
Senegal	13 February 1978	13 May 1978
Seychelles	5 May 1992 a/	5 August 1992
Slovakia	28 May 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Slovenia	6 July 1992 a/	6 July 1992
Solomon Islands	17 March 1982 b/	17 March 1982
Somalia	24 January 1990 a/	24 April 1990

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Spain	27 April 1977	27 July 1977
Sri Lanka	11 June 1980 a/	11 September 1980
Sudan	18 March 1986 a/	18 June 1986
Suriname	28 December 1976 a/	28 March 1977
Sweden	6 December 1971	3 January 1976
Switzerland	18 June 1992 a/	18 September 1992
Syrian Arab Republic	21 April 1969 a/	3 January 1976
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18 January 1994 b/	17 September 1991
Togo	24 May 1984 a/	24 August 1984
Trinidad and Tobago	8 December 1978 a/	8 March 1979
Tunisia	18 March 1969	3 January 1976
Uganda	21 January 1987 a/	21 April 1987
Ukraine	12 November 1973	3 January 1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20 May 1976	20 August 1976
United Republic of Tanzania	11 June 1976 a/	11 September 1976
Uruguay	1 April 1970	3 January 1976
Venezuela	10 May 1978	10 August 1978
Viet Nam	24 September 1982 a/	24 December 1982
Yemen	9 February 1987 a/	9 May 1987
Yugoslavia	2 June 1971	3 January 1976
Zaire	1 November 1976 a/	1 February 1977
Zambia	10 April 1984 a/	10 July 1984
Zimbabwe	13 May 1991 a/	13 August 1991

ANNEX II

List of States that have ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as at 1 September 1995 (130)

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Afghanistan	24 January 1983 a/	24 April 1983
Albania	4 October 1991 a/	4 January 1992
Algeria	12 September 1989	12 December 1989
Angola	10 January 1992 a/	10 April 1992
Argentina	8 August 1986	8 November 1986
Armenia	23 June 1993	23 September 1993
Australia	13 August 1980	13 November 1980
Austria	10 September 1978	10 December 1978
Azerbaijan	13 August 1992 a/	13 November 1992
Barbados	5 January 1973 a/	23 March 1976
Belarus	12 November 1973	23 March 1976
Belgium	21 April 1983	21 July 1983
Benin	12 March 1992 a/	12 June 1992
Bolivia	12 August 1982 a/	12 November 1982
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 September 1993 b/	6 March 1992
Brazil	24 January 1992 a/	24 April 1992
Bulgaria	21 September 1970	23 March 1976
Burundi	9 May 1990 a/	9 August 1990
Cambodia	26 May 1992 a/	26 August 1992
Cameroon	27 June 1984 a/	27 September 1984
Canada	19 May 1976 a/	19 August 1976
Cape Verde	6 August 1993 a/	6 November 1993
Central African Republic	8 May 1981 a/	8 August 1981
Chad	9 June 1995 a/	9 September 1995
Chile	10 February 1972	23 March 1976
Colombia	29 October 1969	23 March 1976
Congo	5 October 1983 a/	5 January 1984
Costa Rica	29 November 1968	23 March 1976
Côte d'Ivoire	26 March 1992 a/	26 June 1992
Croatia	8 October 1991 b/	8 October 1991

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Cyprus	2 April 1969	23 March 1976
Czech Republic	22 February 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14 September 1981 a/	14 December 1981
Denmark	6 January 1972	23 March 1976
Dominica	17 June 1993 a/	17 September 1993
Dominican Republic	4 January 1978 a/	4 April 1978
Ecuador	6 March 1969	23 March 1976
Egypt	14 January 1982	14 April 1982
El Salvador	30 November 1979	29 February 1980
Equatorial Guinea	25 September 1987 a/	25 December 1987
Estonia	21 October 1991 a/	21 January 1992
Ethiopia	11 June 1993 a/	11 September 1993
Finland	19 August 1975	23 March 1976
France	4 November 1980 a/	4 February 1981
Gabon	21 January 1983 a/	21 April 1983
Gambia	22 March 1979 a/	22 June 1979
Georgia	3 May 1994 a/	3 August 1994
Germany	17 December 1973	23 March 1976
Grenada	6 September 1991 a/	6 December 1991
Guatemala	6 May 1992 a/	5 August 1992
Guinea	24 January 1978	24 April 1978
Guyana	15 February 1977	15 May 1977
Haiti	6 February 1991 a/	6 May 1991
Hungary	17 January 1974	23 March 1976
Iceland	22 August 1979	22 November 1979
India	10 April 1979 a/	10 July 1979
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	24 June 1975	23 March 1976
Iraq	25 January 1971	23 March 1976
Ireland	8 December 1989	8 March 1990
Israel	3 October 1991 a/	3 January 1992
Italy	15 September 1978	15 December 1978
Jamaica	3 October 1975	23 March 1976
Japan	21 June 1979	21 September 1979
Jordan	28 May 1975	23 March 1976
Kenya	1 May 1972 a/	23 March 1976

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Kyrgyzstan	7 October 1994 a/	7 January 1995
Latvia	14 April 1992 a/	14 July 1992
Lebanon	3 November 1972 a/	23 March 1976
Lesotho	9 September 1992 a/	9 December 1992
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15 May 1970 a/	23 March 1976
Lithuania	20 November 1991 a/	20 February 1992
Luxembourg	18 August 1983	18 November 1983
Madagascar	21 June 1971	23 March 1976
Malawi	22 December 1993 a/	22 March 1994
Mali	16 July 1974 a/	23 March 1976
Malta	13 September 1990 a/	13 December 1990
Mauritius	12 December 1973 a/	23 March 1976
Mexico	23 March 1981 a/	23 June 1981
Mongolia	18 November 1974	23 March 1976
Morocco	3 May 1979	3 August 1979
Mozambique	21 July 1993 a/	21 October 1993
Namibia	28 November 1994 a/	28 February 1995
Nepal	14 May 1991	14 August 1991
Netherlands	11 December 1978	11 March 1979
New Zealand	28 December 1978	28 March 1979
Nicaragua	12 March 1980 a/	12 June 1980
Niger	7 March 1986 a/	7 June 1986
Nigeria	29 July 1993 a/	29 October 1993
Norway	13 September 1972	23 March 1976
Panama	8 March 1977	8 June 1977
Paraguay	10 June 1992 a/	10 September 1992
Peru	28 April 1978	28 July 1978
Philippines	23 October 1986	23 January 1987
Poland	18 March 1977	18 June 1977
Portugal	15 June 1978	15 September 1978
Republic of Korea	10 April 1990 a/	10 July 1990
Republic of Moldova	26 January 1993 a/	26 April 1993
Romania	9 December 1974	23 March 1976
Russian Federation	16 October 1973	23 March 1976
Rwanda	16 April 1975 a/	23 March 1976

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 November 1981 a/	9 February 1982
San Marino	18 October 1985 a/	18 January 1986
Senegal	13 February 1978	13 May 1978
Seychelles	5 May 1992 a/	5 August 1992
Slovakia	28 May 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Slovenia	6 July 1992 b/	6 July 1992
Somalia	24 January 1990 a/	24 April 1990
Spain	27 April 1977	27 July 1977
Sri Lanka	11 June 1980 a/	11 September 1980
Sudan	18 March 1986 a/	18 June 1986
Suriname	28 December 1976 a/	28 March 1977
Sweden	6 December 1971	23 March 1976
Switzerland	18 June 1992 a/	18 September 1992
Syrian Arab Republic	21 April 1969 a/	23 March 1976
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18 January 1994 b/	17 September 1991
Togo	24 May 1984 a/	24 August 1984
Trinidad and Tobago	21 December 1978 a/	21 March 1979
Tunisia	18 March 1969	23 March 1976
Ukraine	12 November 1973	23 March 1976
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	20 May 1976	20 August 1976
United Republic of Tanzania	11 June 1976 a/	11 September 1976
United States of America	8 June 1992	8 September 1992
Uruguay	1 April 1970	23 March 1976
Venezuela	10 May 1978	10 August 1978
Viet Nam	24 September 1982 a/	24 December 1982
Yemen	9 February 1987 a/	9 May 1987
Yugoslavia	2 June 1971	23 March 1976
Zaire	1 November 1976 a/	1 February 1977
Zambia	10 April 1984 (a)	10 July 1984
Zimbabwe	13 May 1991 (a)	13 August 1991

ANNEX III

List of States that have ratified or acceded to the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as at 1 September 1995 (84)

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Algeria	12 September 1989 a/	12 December 1990
Angola	10 January 1992 a/	10 April 1992
Argentina	8 August 1986 a/	8 November 1986
Armenia	23 June 1993	23 September 1993
Australia	25 September 1991 a/	25 December 1991
Austria	10 December 1987	10 March 1988
Barbados	5 January 1973 a/	23 March 1976
Belarus	30 September 1992 a/	30 December 1992
Belgium	17 May 1994	17 August 1994
Benin	12 March 1992 a/	12 June 1992
Bolivia	12 August 1982 a/	12 November 1982
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1 March 1995	1 June 1995
Bulgaria	26 March 1992 a/	26 June 1992
Cameroon	27 June 1984 a/	27 September 1984
Canada	19 May 1976 a/	19 August 1976
Central African Republic	8 May 1981 a/	8 August 1981
Chad	9 June 1995 a/	9 September 1995
Chile	28 May 1992 a/	28 August 1992
Colombia	29 October 1969	23 March 1976
Congo	5 October 1983 a/	5 January 1984
Costa Rica	29 November 1968	23 March 1976
Cyprus	15 April 1992	15 July 1992
Czech Republic	22 February 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Denmark	6 January 1972	23 March 1976
Dominican Republic	4 January 1978 a/	4 April 1978
Ecuador	6 March 1969	23 March 1976
El Salvador	6 June 1995	6 September 1995
Equatorial Guinea	25 September 1987 a/	25 December 1987
Estonia	21 October 1991 a/	21 January 1992
Finland	19 August 1975	23 March 1976

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
France	17 February 1984 a/	17 May 1984
Gambia	9 June 1988 a/	9 September 1988
Georgia	3 May 1994 a/	3 August 1994
Germany	25 August 1993	25 November 1993
Guinea	17 June 1993	17 September 1993
Guyana	10 May 1993 a/	10 August 1993
Hungary	7 September 1988 a/	7 December 1988
Iceland	22 August 1979 a/	22 November 1979
Ireland	8 December 1989	8 March 1990
Italy	15 September 1978	15 December 1978
Jamaica	3 October 1975	23 March 1976
Kyrgyzstan	7 October 1994 a/	7 January 1995
Latvia	22 June 1994	22 September 1994
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	16 May 1989 a/	16 August 1989
Lithuania	20 November 1991 a/	20 February 1992
Luxembourg	18 August 1983 a/	18 November 1983
Madagascar	21 June 1971	23 March 1976
Malta	13 September 1990 a/	13 December 1990
Mauritius	12 December 1973 a/	23 March 1976
Mongolia	16 April 1991 a/	16 July 1991
Namibia	28 November 1994 a/	28 February 1995
Nepal	14 May 1991 a/	14 August 1991
Netherlands	11 December 1978	11 March 1979
New Zealand	26 May 1989 a/	26 August 1989
Nicaragua	12 March 1980 a/	12 June 1980
Niger	7 March 1986 a/	7 June 1986
Norway	13 September 1972	23 March 1976
Panama	8 March 1977	8 June 1977
Paraguay	10 January 1995	10 April 1995
Peru	3 October 1980	3 January 1981
Philippines	22 August 1989 a/	22 November 1989
Poland	7 November 1991 a/	7 February 1992
Portugal	3 May 1983	3 August 1983
Republic of Korea	10 April 1990 a/	10 July 1990
Romania	20 July 1993 a/	20 October 1993

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession a/ or succession b/	Date of entry into force
Russian Federation	1 October 1991 a/	1 January 1992
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 November 1981 a/	9 February 1982
San Marino	18 October 1985 a/	18 January 1986
Senegal	13 February 1978	13 May 1978
Seychelles	5 May 1992 a/	5 August 1992
Slovakia	28 May 1993 b/	1 January 1993
Slovenia	16 July 1993 a/	16 October 1993
Somalia	24 January 1990 a/	24 April 1990
Spain	25 January 1985 a/	25 April 1985
Suriname	28 December 1976 a/	28 March 1977
Sweden	6 December 1971	23 March 1976
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12 December 1994 a/	12 March 1995
Togo	30 March 1988 a/	30 June 1988
Trinidad and Tobago	14 November 1980 a/	14 February 1981
Ukraine	25 July 1991 a/	25 October 1991
Uruguay	1 April 1970	23 March 1976
Venezuela	10 May 1978	10 August 1978
Zaire	1 November 1976 a/	1 February 1977
Zambia	10 April 1984 a/	10 July 1984

ANNEX IV

List of States that have ratified or acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as at 1 September 1995 (28)

State party	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession a/	Date of entry into force
Australia	2 October 1990 a/	11 July 1991
Austria	2 March 1993	2 June 1993
Denmark	24 February 1994	24 May 1994
Ecuador	23 February 1993 a/	23 May 1993
Finland	4 April 1991	11 July 1991
Germany	18 August 1992	18 November 1992
Hungary	24 February 1994	24 May 1994
Iceland	2 April 1991	11 July 1991
Ireland	18 June 1993 a/	18 September 1993
Italy	14 February 1995	14 May 1995
Luxembourg	12 February 1992	12 May 1992
Malta	29 December 1994	29 March 1995
Mozambique	21 July 1993 a/	21 October 1993
Namibia	28 November 1994 a/	
Netherlands	27 February 1991	11 July 1991
New Zealand	22 February 1990	11 July 1991
Norway	5 September 1991	5 December 1991
Panama	21 January 1993 a/	21 April 1993
Portugal	17 October 1990	11 July 1991
Romania	27 February 1991	11 July 1991
Seychelles	15 December 1994 a/	15 March 1995
Slovenia	10 March 1994	10 June 1994
Spain	11 April 1991	11 July 1991
Sweden	11 May 1990	11 July 1991
Switzerland	16 June 1994 a/	16 September 1994
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26 January 1995 a/	26 April 1995
Uruguay	21 January 1993	21 April 1993
Venezuela	22 February 1993	22 May 1993